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As a critical analysis of national psychology the work leaves much to be desired. Its chief value lies in its lucid and careful interpretation of the character of the American colonists and the social influences that attended their settlement in America. It contains a bibliography of eleven pages.

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*The Romance of American Expansion.* By H. A. BRUCE. (New York: Moffat, Yard, and Company. 1909. Pp. xiii, 246. Price, \$1.75.)

The present volume is the tenth that the reviewer has seen since the Spanish war, dealing with the subject of territorial expansion. Mr. Bruce has not made any new contributions in this book, though he has presented the facts in a new way. He has connected the territorial growth of the country in each period with some notable participants. In this way the story of expansion is woven about the figures of Boone, Jefferson, Jackson, Houston, Benton, Fremont, Seward, and McKinley. The book is written in a fluent, attractive style, and is judicious and scholarly, though based almost exclusively on secondary sources. Naturally each of these dominating personalities becomes a hero, the warmest admiration being accorded McKinley, while even of Fremont only good is said. "Even the so-called spoliation of Mexico proves on close examination," says the author, "by no means so blameworthy as has generally been believed." As for the future, Mr. Bruce believes that the nation will do as it has done in the past—"reach out, extend, grow." The volume concludes with a good chapter on bibliography, and an excellent index.

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